

14 TEARS AT THE CHARITY BALL

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INTRO **C F C , C F C , C F C F C F C x 2**

CHORUS **C Am F G7 C Am F G7**
Tears at the Charity Ball, Miss Pretty gonna take a fall.
C Am F G7 F G7 C Am F G7 C F <>
She's gonna need our all in all, at the Charity Ball, oh oh, at the Charity Ball.

V1 **Am---** (Aaahh) Red Cross and the coloured lights, **F** young men and the ladies out at night. **Am**
G7--- (Aaahh) Look at them comin' in two by two, glittering society,
Am --- G7 baubles and bangles and pedigree in view. CHORUS

V2 **Am---** (Aaahh) Hear the music swirl the air, **F** old world in a new parade, a golden stair. **Am**
G7--- (Aaahh) Here's the Princess with Prince Charming by her side,
Am G7 see her smile and smile and smile and cry inside. CHORUS

MIDDLE 1 **C<>F**
(Uhuh) They met at the Club Royale, (Uhuh) Mr Elder Sophisti-cat (Uhuh)
(Uhuh) His cool indifference to her station (Uhuh) sparked her heart.
(Uhuh) She was hooked, she'd never (Uhuh) encountered that before.
C<>F F
*** (Uhuh) She chased, he ran, they played, of course (Uhuh) he won the game.
G7 F
Her Mum said, "Marry, before your family's buried in your shame."
C<>F F
*** (Uhuh) The playboy took his cue but didn't (Uhuh) bargain for the strain,
G7 F
the father left the goods and fortunes firmly in her name.
C<>F
(Uhuh) The bounty he expected never (Uhuh) came his way,
F G
(Uhuh) he took flight on business trips, she'd have to stay.
Ab G
The candid shots with girls in magazines, his talkin' fast,
Ab G F
the Princess knew her Camelot was not about to last, unless she acted fast.

MIDDLE **C<>F**
(Uhuh) The second honeymoon they wooed and spooned. (Uhuh)
(Uhuh) A brand new start.
(Uhuh) She sprang The News, "I'm pregnant." It was her ace card. (Uhuh)
(Uhuh) His look of consternation, (Uhuh) irritation when his face went grey,
stop C....
"Get the child aborted. Do your own thing. I won't change my ways."

V3 **Am---** So the Charity Ball, the Night of Nights, just before midnight, the Announcement, **C--- Am---** **F---**
G--- **G---** **G---**
 "We are sad to announce to one and all at the Charity Ball,
F--- **Am---** **F---** **G---** **G7**
 about Prince and Princess Pretty - ice, fire, blood - and Paradise is lost.

C Am F G7 C Am F G7
 CHORUS Tears at the Charity Ball, Miss Pretty gonna take a fall.

C Am F G7 F G7
 She's gonna need our all in all, at the Charity,

C Am F G7 C Am F G7
 CHORUS Tears at the Charity Ball, Miss Pretty gonna take a fall.

C Am F G7 F G7 C Am F G7 C
 She's gonna need our all in all, at the Charity Ball, oh oh, at the Charity Ball.

Am F G7 C
 END oh oh, at the Charity - Ball.